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FORM PTO-1082

TRANSMITTAL FOR NEW U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Re: New U.S. Patent Application

For: **VARIABLE LENGTH DATA ENCODING
METHOD, VARIABLE LENGTH DATA
ENCODING APPARATUS, VARIABLE LENGTH
ENCODED DATA DECODING METHOD, AND
VARIABLE LENGTH ENCODED DATA
DECODING APPARATUS**

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Attorney Docket: 25834

Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above, including:

156 Pages Application Consisting of:
98 Pages of Textual Specification
6 Pages of 6 Claims
1 Page containing the Abstract of the Disclosure
51 Sheets of drawings.
 Executed Inventor's Declaration
X Unexecuted Inventor's Declaration
 Assignment and cover sheet
X Priority Document No. 2002-344079

The Government filing fee* is calculated as follows:

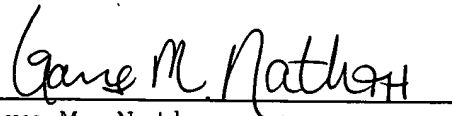
Total Claims	<u>6</u> - 20 = <u>0</u>	x \$18.00 = \$	<u>0.00</u>
Independent Claims	<u>6</u> - 3 = <u>3</u>	x \$86.00 = \$	<u>258.00</u>
Base Fee			<u>\$770.00</u>
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- ☐ Reduced by one-half, as applicant(s) is/are a "small entity".
- ☒ Foreign priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from JAPAN Patent Application No. 2002-344079 dated November 27, 2002.
- ☐ Priority document(s) will be submitted at a later date.
- ☒ Priority document(s) is/are submitted herewith.
- ☒ Executed Declaration(s) will be submitted at a later date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.41 and § 1.53, with an appropriate surcharge under 37 CFR § 1.16(e).
- ☒ Formal drawing(s) is/are attached.
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- ☐ Assignment document(s) is/are submitted herewith; the recordation fee of \$40.00 per document is enclosed herewith.
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- ☐ No payment is enclosed at this time. Full payment will be made when the executed Declaration is submitted.
- ☒ Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$1,028.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,
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In re Application of:

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Title: **VARIABLE LENGTH DATA ENCODING METHOD, VARIABLE LENGTH
DATA ENCODING APPARATUS, VARIABLE LENGTH ENCODED DATA
DECODING METHOD, AND VARIABLE LENGTH ENCODED DATA
DECODING APPARATUS**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter
- (2) PTO Form-1082
- (3) 156 page Application consisting of:
 - 98 pages Textual specification
 - 6 pages of 6 claims
 - 1 page containing the Abstract of the Disclosure
 - 51 sheets of drawings
- (4) Unexecuted Declaration/Power of Attorney
- (5) Request for Priority
- (6) Priority document No. 2002-344079
- (7) Information Disclosure Statement
- (8) Form PTO-1449 with four (4) references
- (9) Check No. 19838 \$ 1,028.00 for filing fee and three
additional independent claims fees
- (10) Postcard for early notification of serial number

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